those companies which have central duty arrears in excess of Rs. 5 crores in any given year;

(b) whether taking action (penal) is left to the officer concerned or to a board; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Instructions are issued from time to time to facilitate streamlined and concerted action for expeditious recovery of arrears of excise duties, irrespective of the amount involved, for guidance of officials in this regard. Recovery of arrears of excise duty is an ongoing function and such measures like legal administrative and others as are considered necessary continue to be taken.

Review of Era Sezhiyan Committee report on L.I.C.

2617. DR. BAPU KALDATE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to review the recommendations of the Era Sezhiyan Committee to split and reorganise the Life Insurance Corporation; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Vacancies of part time non-official Directors of nationalised banks

2618. DR. BAPU KALDATE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the vacancies of part time non-official directors on the Boards of Directors in almost all the 20 nationalised banks have not been filled since January, 1985;

(b) if so what are the detais thereto; and

(c) what steps are being taken to fill these vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) At present vacancies of non-official directors exist on the Boards of all the 20 nationalised banks. These vacancies have arisen since January, 1985. The process of identifying suitable persons for these vacancies has not yet been completed.

Accountability of the huge loans given by Nationalised Banks

2619. DR. BAPU KALDATE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1382 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th November, 1986 and state:

(a) since no central authority monitoring of credit camps, and no data as to reporting system is available, what are the other venues for accountability of the huge loans given by Nationalised Banks; and

(b) whether any special audit by Public Chartered Accountants Firms is made of the Credit Camp loans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) : (a) and (b) According to Reserve Bank of India loans sanctioned for the Credit camps are also required to be monitored as any other loans subject to the usual procedures/norms. No special audit by Chartered Accountants is made for loans sanctioned for the Credit Camps.